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Intentionally Combating *Mission Drift*

by Duane Weber, IGo Administrator

Recently, a book titled *Mission Drift - The Unspoken Crisis Facing Leaders, Charities, and Churches* came into the hands of one of our IGo board members. The value of the content that was found in this book initiated the individual to purchase copies for all of the board members to read and digest. Themes from this book, as well as other pertinent topics relating to the perseverance of a faithful ministry organization, will be the discussion at a special meeting to be held in Chiang Mai. The IGo board members and most of their spouses will travel to Chiang Mai to join field staff in a meeting January 26-29, 2023, that has been in the planning for the past three years. The goal of this meeting is to reaffirm the original mission of IGo that was birthed almost twenty years ago, evaluate our current progress, and establish a firm vision moving forward. Drift is something that occurs when

intentionality is lost in any church or organization. It is the desire of the IGo board to be intentional in passing on the founding vision of the ministry. Since the commencement of IGo in 2006, leadership has changed on both a board level and field administration. As responsibilities are transferred to succeeding generations, it is the commitment of IGo to remain true to the mission statement, “*To provide students with a cross-cultural setting in which mission work, Biblical teaching, and personal discipleship can take place simultaneously.*” We are grateful for the faithfulness of the men who have served on the IGo board over the years. We also appreciate the willingness of our current board to travel to Thailand and their burden to see the Kingdom of God expanded through the ongoing ministry efforts of IGo.

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Clinton Weaver
EQUIP Supervisor

IGo Faculty & Staff

The faculty and staff of IGo give direction to the teaching and ministries of the IGo students. We are blessed with men and women who serve in these capacities with diligence and a passion to advance the Kingdom of Christ.

Administrative Council

The administrative council is made up of Duane Weber, Michael Yoder, and Tim Stoltzfus, who oversee the IGo programs.

INVEST (IGo Network of Volunteer Educators Serving Thailand)



English For Life (EFL)

This INVEST ministry currently serves at two large government high schools, three government elementary schools, and Christian English programs where they can teach the Bible. It is their goal to build relationships in the schools

and invite Thai students to come learn about Jesus at various programs run by local Thai churches.



WE Center (WEC)

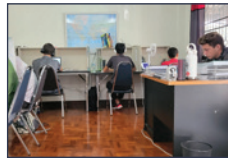
This INVEST ministry helps the local Thai church operate WE Club (White Elephant Club), which is a Saturday English club. They are also working with the Thai church to develop a skills training program focused on youth and at-risk women. Currently, English tutoring and sewing classes are offered.



Wisdom Tree Home (WTH)

This INVEST team serves as caregivers and English teachers for the Wisdom Tree Home, which is a Christ-centered, bilingual daycare/preschool located in Chiang Mai. Wisdom Tree Home is an outreach of the local Thai church. Their

mission is to consistently train, teach and nurture children from a Christian worldview and build relationships with the parents or guardians.



VCS Homeschool (VCS)

This INVEST team assists the EFL and WEC teams with English programs, but primarily focus on Christian education for the children of volunteers. They operate

a daily homeschool group that provides a Christian school atmosphere.



Macedonian Teaching Ministry (MTM)

MTM is actively working to equip native church leaders throughout Asia and beyond to reach their own cultures and unreached people for Jesus Christ. Raymond & Naomi Burkholder, Stephen Burkholder, and Rich & Nicole Moore are

conducting pastoral leadership training conferences as well as two and three-week Bible schools in India, Nepal, Myanmar, and beyond, thereby reaching the unreached by equipping and mobilizing native Christians and pastors. For more information about MTM, visit <https://mtm-global.org/>.



EQUIP (Educate. Qualify. Unite. Inspire. Prepare.)

EQUIP is a partnership ministry between the stateside EQUIP Committee

and IGo. Stephen Burkholder and Clinton Weaver oversee twenty-one orphan homes in Asia. They visit the children's homes and provide accountability and encouragement. EQUIP is currently partnering with twenty-one pastors for the care of 133 children.

Left: WE Center

Right: English For Life



New *Pastor Family*

With joy we welcome Steve and Janelle Byers to IGo where Steve will serve as IGo pastor. Steve and Janelle moved to Chiang Mai at the end of October with their four children: Kiersten (16), Eden (14), Nicolas (10), and Grant (10). They are from Berean Bible Fellowship church in Slanesville, West Virginia, where Steve served on a rotation that supported the work of the ministry there. Tim Stoltzfus was the previous IGo pastor and will be transitioning into the administrator role at IGo; we thank God for calling the Byers family to Thailand to fill this vacancy. Welcome to IGo, Byers family! We know that God will use your gifts and rich life experiences to greatly bless all you came to serve—staff, students, and the IGo Christian Fellowship church family.



Steve & Janelle Byers,
Kiersten, Eden, Nicolas & Grant

Pictures from *Ministry Trips*





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OUR MISSION

The purpose of IGo is to provide students with a cross-cultural setting in which mission work, Biblical teaching and personal discipleship can take place simultaneously.

We believe that it is more beneficial to be training missionaries overseas rather than in the affluent Western setting. IGo provides students with opportunities to travel and minister in Asia, with regular returns to the classroom for teaching and mentoring by instructors. The focus is not solely theoretical; instead it addresses the everyday issues a student experiences in ministry.

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Individual Contributions	28,455.02
Church Donations	56,594.20
Business Contributions	50,975.53
Personnel Support	129,686.30
Tuition Income	94,277.20
Field Income	4,037.35
Interest Income	123.20

TOTAL INSTITUTE INCOME 364,148.80

Administrative Office & Travel	17,153.61
Field Office Supplies & Equipment	5,437.98
Utilities	6,052.02
Thai Staff	24,453.23
Bank Fees / Exchange	-3,312.26
Building Rent	7,887.91
Student Expense	72,499.13
Building & Vehicle Maintenance	5,583.66
PR Printing & Postage	12,222.42
Seminars / Library / Misc.	11,120.12
Payroll	212,265.23

TOTAL INSTITUTE EXPENSES 371,363.05

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